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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6491 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 7, 2006

BILL NUMBER: SB 133 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Medical Records in Correctional Facilities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides for the maintenance and transfer of a criminal offender's mental health records.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill allows a psychiatrist or a mental health facility to provide a copy of an offender's mental health record to a facility or agency responsible for the incarceration of the offender. This record may be provided with or without the offender's consent, and the record is to become part of the offender's medical record while incarcerated. If an offender is transferred to a different facility, the offender's mental health records must be provided to the facility. After an offender is released from incarceration, the Department of Correction (DOC) is required to provide the mental health records, if any, to a facility or provider that is providing treatment services to the offender. DOC reports that the provision of mental health records for offenders being released is being addressed in the reentry plans and should require no additional funds to implement.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

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Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Correction.

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